

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds,  
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon

**ABSENT**

Alderman Schneider

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Nan Butler, with the Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley is allowed to address the council concerning child abuse prevention. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Ms. Butler said that child abuse and neglect is at an epidemic level in the Illinois Valley and she provided and encouraged the council members and those in attendance to wear blue ribbons as a symbol of child abuse and neglect awareness. A proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of LaSalle will be read later during the council meeting.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that Javier Casas is allowed to address the council concerning an upcoming Cinco de Mayo event. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Casas said he would like to have another Cinco de Mayo celebration in front of his business on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and as in the past, he would like 8<sup>th</sup> Street to be barricaded in front of his business on 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Crosat and Tonti from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Mr. Casas said he would like to have profits from the event be donated to LaSalle Public Schools and perhaps other charitable organizations. Mr. Casas will discuss his plans with area businesses.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that Mr. Casas' request is granted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the request from George Green of Cruisin LaSalle for a 2013 Raffle License is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from George Green for closure of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Bucklin and Joliet Street between the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 21, 2013 to allow for the annual Cruisin LaSalle Car Show is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan that authorization is given for Trinity Catholic Academy's 5K race in the City of LaSalle on April 27, 2013. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the amended request for vacation of a portion of city alley and consideration of amended plat and related matters is accepted and the process is begun toward the amended requests and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Treasurers' Report for February 2013 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$721,090.60 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,333,674.60 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Building Inspectors' Report for February 2013 showing total value of construction of \$8,820.00 and total fees collected of \$665.00 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Police Income Report for February 2013 showing total fees collected of \$17,745.27 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the Mayor's proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month is accepted and placed on file.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

**April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Alderman Lavieri read a letter from Jon Bastuck, race director for the Canal Connection race along I&M Canal. Mr. Bastuck thanked the City and the Public Works Department as well as Sam McNeilly for their help during a recent cleanup day on the canal from Lock 16 to Split Rock. The City was thanked for providing a dump truck.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Regarding discussion and authorization for RHMG to proceed with Phase II for Rotary Park, Mayor Gove informed the council that no action can be taken until funding has been secured.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Ptak that authorization is given for Pay Estimate #5 for the Retaining Wall Construction Project IKE Disaster Recovery CDBG Funded Improvements.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

There was discussion concerning authorization for payment #14 for HR Green for the LaSalle Retaining Wall Project (Invoice 85273). Since the payment could not officially be approved, a straw poll of the Aldermen was taken and all approved the payment. The item will appear on the next meeting's agenda for formal ratification.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Ptak reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the purchase of the parking lot at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marquette. Aldermen Ptak and Duncan met with the owners from Peru Federal Savings Bank. The appraised value of this parking lot was \$132,000.00. Several years it was sold for \$175,000.00. Alderman Ptak said he and Alderman Duncan feel strongly that this is something that the City of LaSalle needs for future parking. The Finance Committee has recommended to purchase the lot from Peru Federal. Three bid proposals were received from LaSalle institutions and one from Peru Federal. Peru Federal gave the best bid proposals and offered 15 year fixed rate of 3%. The LaSalle banks offered 10 year fixed. Since this was a unique situation the Finance Committee recommended the Peru Federal proposal. Therefore, moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to commence working on the purchase of the parking lot at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marquette Street and finance through Peru Federal Bank at the rate of 3% fixed over 15 years.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove asked Don Aleksy to move forward regarding tearing down buildings currently on the property.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the council accepts the recommendation by the Fire and Police Commission regarding hiring Tim Margis as Patrolman in the city of LaSalle.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Ptak that a request from the Better Fishing Association for a donation for the annual kids fishing events is referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Phil Sterba, an advisor of the Excalibur Chapter of DeMolay in Peru is allowed to address the council concerning a proposed fundraiser. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Phil Sterba said the group of young people would like to go door-to-door in the city to raise funds on Saturday, April 6, 2013 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The youth would have an “egg day” when they collect eggs from residents and allow the resident to buy back the egg and break it over the youth’s heads.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that a straw vote be taken and that the youth are given permission to have their “egg day” event, provided they honor all no soliciting signs.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove gave a reminder that Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> begins the lawn bag pick up for lawn waste on Mondays through November. Those wanting lawn bag pick up should call Illinois Valley Waste at 1-866-875-2293 to be put on the pick-up list. Stickers need to be put on each lawn bag.

Mayor Grove encouraged everyone to vote on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Resolution No. 201306: Resolution Authorizing Conditional Entry Into Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital Regarding Post-Acute Transfer of Patients is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 201306: Resolution Authorizing Conditional Entry Into Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital Regarding Post-Acute Transfer of Patients**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Resolution No. 201307: Resolution Approving Statement of Intent in All-Hazard Mitigation Planning is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 201307: Resolution Approving  
Statement of Intent in All-Hazard Mitigation  
Planning**

An ordinance regarding a boundary agreement with the Village of North Utica will be addressed at a later time.

7:38 P. M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the council goes into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters, non-union personnel and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE; Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and non-union personnel and related matters**

8:38 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the Executive Session is adjourned and that the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE; Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$516,022.27 (Payroll \$155,815.91; bills to be paid \$71,895.74; bills paid \$288,290.62) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE; Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Alderman Schneider. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**ADJOURNED 8:39 P.M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk